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Docket No: 3404/OK075

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In re Application of: Masato TAKAHASHI et al.

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Confirmation No.: 4928

Filed: November 30, 2001

Examiner: R. Hylton

For: **A SEALING ELEMENT WITH A PROTRUDING PART APPROXIMATELY OBLIQUELY OUTWARD AND A HERMETIC CONTAINER USING THE SAME**

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RESPONSE TO MARCH 12, 2003 OFFICE ACTION

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Commissioner For Patents  
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June 3, 2003

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated March 12, 2003, Applicants submit the following remarks for the Examiner's consideration.